

# Sagamore Farm



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**Description:** The Sagmore Farm conservation easement protects farmland and open space. The property borders the Little Bear River on its west side, including tributaries and springs that run throughout the property. This property has varied terrain and encompasses prime and statewide significant farmland including crop and rangeland.

**Location:** Paradise, Cache County.

**Acreage:** 430 acres

**Grant funding:** \$250,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$2,000,000

**Grant Awarded:** October 2003

**Partners:** Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Natural Resource Conservation Service, The Trust for Public Land

**Local Support:** Utah State University Extension, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Cache County Council, Blacksmith Fork Soil Conservation District

**Conservation Easement Held by:** Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.



## Public Benefits

**Agriculture:** Sagamore farm is currently a dairy operation, milking approximately one hundred cows. Hay and barley are also raised on site to provide feed for the cattle. Historically, the property supported corn and sugar beet cultivation.

**Open Space:** The easement provides an important buffer between Hyrum and the Town of Paradise. With development encroaching on all sides of the property and growth pressures within Cache Valley, this buffer will support the open space area that contributes to the community identity.

**Historical and Cultural:** The property was homesteaded by Jon Pannell Wright in 1861 and contains the home original to the property. Sagamore Farm is a *Century Farm*, a designation given to farms that have been continuously farmed for over 100 years and is considered significant for its agricultural contribution to the history of Utah's agricultural economy and identity. The easement will preserve the community identity and heritage so critical to Cache Valley by protecting a working farm.